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ELECTION FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION

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Classified By: Political Officer Lisa Kaleczyc, reason: 1.4 (b) and (d)

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¶1. (U) Having previously provided the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs International Organizations Department with a diplomatic note concerning the election for the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and a copy of Ambassador Pierre-Richard Prosper's curriculum vitae, we called on Department of International Organizations, Division of International Organizations Administrative Affairs representative Prang Anussorn-Nitisara, on November 21 and made the points outlined in reftel.

¶2. (C) Prang advised that Thailand had not yet finalized its decision on whom it would vote for in the January 2008 CERD election, but agreed to take the U.S. position into consideration. Prang commented that Ambassador Prosper's curriculum vitae was impressive and that his experience would be an asset to the committee. Prang believed Thailand would support Ambassador Prosper's nomination.

¶3. (U) Embassy Bangkok's point of contact is Political Officer Lisa Kaleczyc.

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